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News Notes

AUSA golf tournament sets date

The Tobyhanna Army Depot Chapter of the Association of the United States Army will host a golf tournament on June 7.

The event will be held at the Scranton Municipal Golf Course in Mount Cobb Pennsylvania.

The cost is \$80 per golfer and will include pastries and coffee in the morning. Registration is at 8 a.m. with a shotgun start at 9 a.m.

A choice of a hot dog or hamburger will be provided at the turn as well as prizes at a buffet dinner following the tournament.

Applications to golf or to sponsor may be mailed to :

11 Hap Arnold Blvd., Box 5032
Tobyhanna, PA 18466-5032

For more information, contact Alan Bucklaw, 570-876-0307, or Dennis O'Hara, 570-383-1229.

Donate blood

The next American Red Cross blood drive is scheduled for May 24.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, obtain supervisory approval and dial X57091.



Electronics Mechanic Robin White tests an ARU-12 Attitude Indicator at one of 10 new clean air stations in the Airborne Communications Instruments Branch. The ARU-12 is a horizontal position indicator used in helicopters such as the Black Hawk and Chinook. (Photo by Tony Medici)

New clean air stations increase mission flexibility

by Anthony Ricchiazzi
Editor

Ten clean air work stations in the Airborne Communications Instruments Branch offer improved mission flexibility and electro static protection.

The stations, which replaced the aging Class 100K Clean Room in the branch, is used in the repair and testing of avionics components such as the ARU-12 Attitude Indicator (a horizontal position indicator), displacement gyroscope (indicate pitch and roll of an aircraft), directional gyroscope (indicate aircraft direction in one axis) and gyro rotors.

“The components are used in helicopters such as the Black Hawk and Chinook,” said Electronics Mechanic Rich Reese. “We repair them down to the circuit board level and test them in the new work stations. We repair gyro rotors in a room that is attached directly to the clean zone.”

About nine technicians work at the stations, repairing and testing about 60 gyros and 10 ARUs per month. The branch is part of the Command, Control, Computer/Avionics Directorate’s Avionics Division.

“The new stations have 3-stage filter systems at each of the 10 benches that filter air down to 100 particles per square inch; the systems can also blow particles away from where the work is being performed,” said William Farrow, electronics mechanic leader. “Technicians now have access to air and nitrogen lines for cleaning and that can be adapted for component leak checks. Each bench is basically its own clean air room.”

The stations are roomier than the old clean room and have updated electrical service, such as 400 hertz cycle and 210-volt outlets, which allow technicians to work with different types of components if necessary. The clear walls of the entire area can be moved to reconfigure the entire work area.

“We are able to expand the area, make it smaller, and add or remove walls to make it fit our needs,” Reese said. “The ESD (electro static discharge) protection lessens the probability that we’ll have a problem, although we did not have any problems with it before.”

Farrow noted that the Class 100K Clean Room is in the process of being dismantled.

“Once the room is removed, we’ll turn the area into extra work space,” he said.



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April is Counseling Awareness Month

by Heather Fiedler
Army Community Services

Counseling is a professional relationship that empowers diverse individuals, families, and groups to accomplish mental health, wellness, education, and career goals according to the American Association of Counseling.

Counseling can be used to address a variety of concerns: family pressures and stress, the potential economic impact of a furlough, feelings of depression, anxiety, substance-related concerns, or suicidal thoughts and behaviors.

There are counseling services available at Tobyhanna Army Depot, which consist of the Employee Assistance Program (EAP) and mental/behavioral health services. EAP is a worksite-based program to assist employees with problems affecting their job performance.

Problems can fit into several categories: stress, depression, substance use, financial, emotional, or marital. Counseling involves several key components: boundaries, ethics, the duty to protect and informed consent.

Boundaries ensure that the relationship between counselor and client is strictly professional. Counseling is a one-sided, therapeutic, non-judgmental, professional relationship.

Counseling is not a friendship, nor a personally intimate relationship. A counselor will not be calling their clients, discussing personal issues with them, nor advising. Counseling provides clients with options and different perspectives. It is up to the client to make all decisions about their life choices.

Ethics refers to a code of conduct that you can expect from a counselor. For instance, a counselor will not engage in a dual relationship. As with boundaries, ethics prohibit an intimate relationship between counselor and client.

There are also rules that govern what treatments can be used, how records must be kept, what records can be disclosed and to whom, and maintaining confidentiality.

Informed consent refers to clients being fully informed about what will take place during a counseling session and voluntarily agreeing to what will be done. Informed consent also involves a discussion of the limits of confidentiality.

There are three reasons that confidentiality is broken.

One, if a client discloses an intent to harm themselves. The threat must be valid and attainable. Two, is a client discloses a threat to harm another. This is technically called a duty to warn. If we believe that a client will physically harm another person, we have to use professional judgment and position to protect. The duty is to take appropriate action. Three, if a client discloses that a child being abused, or is abusing a child, a counselor has an obligation to notify child protective services.

At Tobyhanna Army Depot, you can reach out to the professionals at the Counseling Center, 570-615-8873, located on the first floor of Building 11.

Eva Granville and Heather Fiedler are available to assist you with your concerns. If you are experiencing distress and are unsure if a counselor can assist, please pick up the phone and reach out. We are here to help.



Making it official

Left, Hope Quimby (mother) and Kelly Quimby (wife) attach lieutenant colonel epaulettes to Kenneth Quimby's uniform during a promotion ceremony April 2 in the Keystone Room. Depot commander Col. Gerhard P.R. Schröter presided. Quimby's sons James and Jesse, and his father James, also attended. Quimby is chief of the Field Logistics Support Directorate's Readiness Training Division and the directorate's executive officer. (Photo by Steve Grzezdinski)

THANKS

On March 29, a distribution process worker from DLA Distribution Tobyhanna was hurt when he became pinned between a forklift and a trailer while unloading cargo from the trailer in Building 6.

Emergency medical technicians from the Tobyhanna Fire and Emergency Services Division were on the scene immediately after being contacted. They rapidly took control of the situation, assessed the extent of injuries, stabilized the employee and prepared him for aerial evacuation to Geisinger Community Medical Center.

The employee was resting comfortably and in good spirits at the hospital that evening when I visited. He remained there overnight for testing and evaluation.

On behalf of DLA, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to the team that responded: Keith DiPatri, David Fairclough, Steven Chervenitski, Frank Malanga and Eric Reddinger from the Fire and Emergency Services Division; Russ Dunkleberger and Brian Cianchetti from the Safety Division; and Matthew Bucknavage, Roy Leech, Jesse Van Orden, Dennis Shaffer and Jason Orenich from the Security Division. This fine group of professionals is second to none.

John J. Heuberger
Deputy Commander
DLA Distribution Tobyhanna

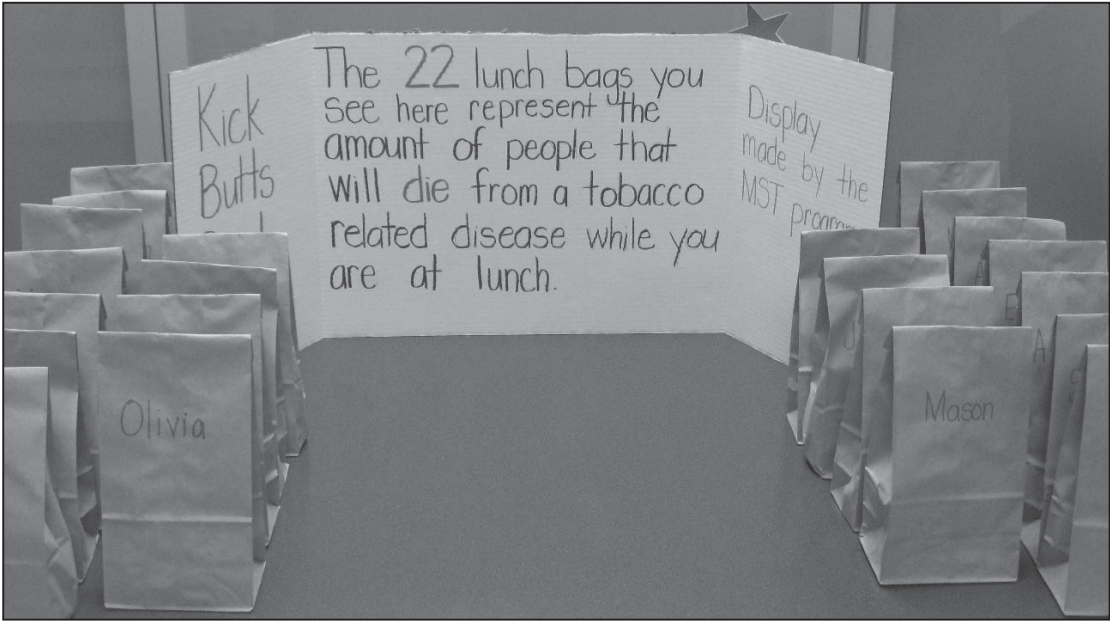
Thank you all for your generous gifts of money, food, cards, calls and most importantly your friendships with our mom, Josephine Russin.

She treasured all of you and was so sad to have to retire. There wasn't a day that she didn't mention or talk about someone from Tobyhanna.

Thanks for giving her the best time at work, showing her love and just being there. It means so much to us. As my mom would say, 'Keep it moving forward. You got to do what you got to do.'

Thank you all for the years of friendship.

Josie's children — Michelle, Bob, Joe, Stephanie and David



Depot youth program praticipates in Kick Butts Day

Tobyhanna Army Depot's School-Age and Middle School and Teen (MST) program recently participated in a Child Youth and School (CYS) Services Tobacco Prevention Kick Butts Day event. Kick Butts Day is an annual tobacco prevention day held March 20 to raise awareness of the effects of tobacco use. Eighteen children and youth from the depot's MST program participated in the event by setting up various displays around the installation including the Post Restaurant, Post Exchange and Child Care facility. The three displays created were titled "Airing Out Tobacco's Dirty Laundry," "What's in a Cigarette?" and a "Numbers Representation." (Photo by Jennifer Robertson)

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Depot commander Col. Gerhard P.R. Schröter presents Petty Officer 3rd Class Andrew Kudasik with the Tobyhanna Army Depot Warfighter of the Quarter award. (Photo by Julia Casper, U.S. Navy)

Local petty officer earns depot 2nd quarter warfighter award

by Anthony Ricchiazzi
Editor

A Navy Reservist based in Avoca has earned Tobyhanna Army Depot’s Warfighter of the Quarter award. The award recognizes military personnel for outstanding service.

Petty Officer 3rd Class Andrew Kudasik was presented the fiscal 2013 second quarter award by depot commander Col. Gerhard P.R. Schröter and depot Sgt. Maj. Juan Rocha for his years of distinguished military service and community support.

The presentation took place April 6 during a Penguins hockey game at the Mohegan Sun Arena in Wilkes-Barre. Kudasik’s mother Caroline, father Raymond, sister Mara and commanding officer Cmdr. Albert Seeman attended the ceremony.

Kudasik, the 13th recipient of the award, is an aviation structural mechanic with the Navy Operational Support Center in Avoca. He maintains C-130 Hercules aircraft assigned to the Navy’s Fleet Logistics Support Squadron 64, Joint Base McGuire/Dix/Lakehurst, N.J., that are used in air logistics missions in direct support of combatant commanders worldwide.

“Petty Officer Kudasik has not only provided exceptional Navy service, but outstanding community service as well,” Seeman said. “He has earned the Navy Meritorious Service Medal, and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal for his support of the C-130 aircraft and training Sea Cadets each drill weekend for the last three years.

According to the Naval Sea Cadet Corps Web site, the Sea Cadets program provides American youth ages 11 to 17 with a drug and alcohol free environment to foster their leadership abilities, broaden their horizons through hands-on training and guide them to becoming mature young adults.

Kudasik is also a member of a Color Guard that participates in local events.

Seeman noted that he is a student of Marywood University’s Aviation Program and has completed more than 75 credits of a business degree with a minor in aviation.

“Petty Officer Kudasik is devoted to his work as a Navy technician, but he doesn’t hesitate to support the community,” Seeman said. “He’s done everything from assisting Meal on Wheels for a Mother’s Day food drive to participating in Lackawanna Community Rehabilitation Center events.”

Kudasik said he was in disbelief that he was selected “above so many others deserving of such a prestigious award.”

“I joined the Navy two months after graduating from high school, because I knew I wanted to do something with my life that allowed me to give back to my country,” he said. “. I live in an area where there are many veterans, and seeing all the veterans proud of what they have done made me want to also dedicate a portion of my life to my country, so that I too, can one day experience, that same pride in what I have sacrificed and accomplished.”

Kudasik said that the Navy gave him the motivation to succeed in anything that life throws his way.

“It has also given me a different perspective of what it takes to assure that America is able to protect freedom and democracy around the world,” he said. “I was taught the core values of the Navy, and to this day I use honor, courage, and commitment in everything I do throughout my day; whether it is in uniform or out of it.”

The advice he would give to younger Navy personnel is to stay the course and give 110 percent all the time.

“Because whether you are aware of it or not, your hard work plays an important role in the accomplishment of the mission,” he said. “Always remember the Navy core values and apply them to everything you do throughout your life.”

Approach to fielding complex C4ISR capabilities takes burden off Soldiers

by Nancy Jones-Bonbrest
Staff writer for PEO C3T

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md. – For Army units, fielding and resetting sophisticated mission command and situational awareness equipment is an intricate process.

The interdependent capabilities include state-of-the-art communications systems, the network and all the enablers, which require training to take place in a logical order.

But relieving some of the pressure on Soldiers is Unit Set Fielding, or USF, a process that serves as a one-stop-shop for planning, expediting and implementing the fielding and training of Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance, also known as C4ISR, capabilities.

Now, after the USF process has helped efforts to digitize Army units during the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, the process will continue to bring efficiencies as the drawdown continues and the Army realigns its forces.

“We synchronize the training calendar to work with the unit’s schedule. This gives the unit the decision-making power and is less intrusive,” said Rick Stoverink, the USF phase 1 lead for Program Executive Office for Command, Control and Communications-Tactical, or PEO C3T.

Implemented in 2006 by PEO C3T, the USF process is a system of systems approach that includes five phases: the planning or synchronization meeting; fielding execution; deployment support; support while deployed; and the reset phase.

Commands and project managers, or PMs, meet at the first and last phase of the USF process to coordinate fielding and

training schedules, while the other three phases focus on execution, training and support.

“A lot of times we don’t get to see the overall training and fielding picture,” said Maj. Jesus Cruz, an operations officer with the 479 Engineer Battalion at Fort Drum, N.Y.

In October, Cruz represented his battalion at a synchronization meeting, the first phase of the USF process.

“Here we get to see the big picture. It was good to be able to sit down with the different project managers and it was also good to be able to provide input on the planning, fielding and training,” said Cruz. “We were able to avoid conflicts.”

Chief Warrant Officer 3 Scott Franek, with the 77th Sustainment Brigade at Fort Dix, N.J., attended the same synchronization meeting, pointing out the one-on-one coordination.

“All the experts for the various C4ISR systems were there,” said Franek. “Since all the systems work together, it makes sense to have everybody in one room. If the guy you’re speaking to doesn’t know the answer, it’s likely the next guy in line does.”

Prior to PEO C3T implementing USF, units had to organize training and fielding with each individual project manager, an inefficient procedure that resulted in capabilities being fielded to only a handful of brigades per year. With the USF process in place, the Army is currently fielding more than 100 units per year.

As of January 2013, about 75 percent of active Army units brigade and higher went through the USF process, many of them more than once, while another 62 percent of Army National Guard, 31 percent of Army Reserve and 58 percent of Multi-Component units participated.

Steps to suicide prevention: Learn warning signs, ask questions

by Justin Eimers
Editorial Assistant

Suicides are tragic, yet often preventable incidents.

Whether you are considering suicide or you know someone with suicidal thoughts, learning the warning signs and understanding how to reach out for help can save someone’s life – maybe even your own.

The first step is finding out whether someone is in danger of acting on their suicidal feelings. Be sensitive, but ask questions directly:

- Are you thinking about suicide?
- Are you thinking about dying?
- Are you thinking about hurting yourself?
- Have you thought about how you would do it?
- Do you know when you would do it?

Recognizing the symptoms of someone with suicidal thoughts plays an important role in preventing suicide. Some symptoms are less obvious than others, so taking action to find help is always the best choice. Symptoms include:

- Talking about suicide
- Getting the means to commit suicide (guns, large amounts of pills)
- Withdrawing from social contact
- Mood swings
- Increased use of drugs or alcohol
- Giving away belongings

If you or someone you know is feeling distressed or hopeless, there are several resources available to help.


The depot Chaplain’s Office and the Tobyhanna Employee Assistance Program both offer 24-hour help for suicide assistance. Dial X59689 or X57943.

To contact the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, dial 1-800-273-TALK.

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Rechargeable batteries added to recycling list

Tobyhanna Army Depot is now using the Call2Recycle company to recycle rechargeable batteries.

The Call2 Recycle company is funded by the battery industry to recycle rechargeable batteries through licensing fees. These include laptop batteries, cordless tool power packs, entire cell phones, etc.

This service is offered free of charge. Several locations on the depot have been set up as drop points:

- The Tool Crib
 - Building 20 (security)
 - The shed at Edison Court for housing residents
- Its easy.

1. Take rechargeable batteries to one of the drop boxes.

2. Put batteries in one of the bags provided and seal the bag.
3. Drop it in the box.

No more taping; no more separating; no more asking “what do I do with these?”

As with everything, there are limitations to this program. Do not put nonrechargeable batteries in the box. These include all button batteries; AA, C, D cell and 9 volt alkaline batteries; nonrechargeable lithium and nickel cadmium batteries.

For more information on the Call2Recycle program or to find a participating company, call 877-723-1297, or go to www.call2recycle.org.

Net Zero Water reduces costs, saves natural resources

by Tom Wildoner
Environmental Protection Specialist

In 2011, Tobyhanna Army Depot volunteered to participate in the Army Net Zero Water pilot project along with five other Army installations.

Net Zero encompasses not only water but also waste and energy, Net Zero seeks to bring the overall consumption of resources down to an effective rate of zero.

The goal of Net Zero water facilities is to reduce potable water usage by 50 percent by fiscal year 2020 (compared to the baseline year of 2007) and to return water back to the watershed so as not to deplete the groundwater and surface water resources of the region.

The Army Net Zero approach is comprised of five interrelated steps: reduction, repurpose, recycling and composting, energy recovery, and disposal. Each step is a link towards achieving Net Zero.

Reduction includes maximizing energy efficiency in existing facilities, implementing water conservation practices, and eliminating generation of unnecessary waste.

Re-purpose involves diverting energy, water or waste to a secondary purpose with limited processes.

Recycling or composting involves management of the solid waste stream, development of closed loop systems to

reclaim water, or cogeneration where two forms of energy (heat and electricity) are created from one source.

Energy recovery can occur from converting unusable waste to energy, renewable energy or geothermal water sources.

Disposal is the final step and last resort after the last drop of water, the last bit of thermal energy and all other waste mitigation strategies have been fully exercised.

The Army's Net Zero Installation Strategy is designed to ensure the Army of tomorrow has the same access to energy, water, land and natural resources as the Army of today, according to the Hon. Katherine Hammack, assistant secretary of the Army for Installations, Energy and Environment.

She also said Net Zero is a force multiplier guiding the Army to appropriately steward resources, manage costs and provide Soldiers, civilians and families with a sustainable future.

In fiscal 2007, Tobyhanna pumped 87.9 million gallons of water from groundwater resources and returned 64.7 million gallons to the region.

At the close of fiscal 2012, Tobyhanna pumped 55.4 million gallons from groundwater resources and returned 62 million gallons to the region. In five years, Tobyhanna has attained a 37 percent reduction in water usage and returns more water back to the region than we remove from groundwater.

Budget challenges amplify need to conserve resources

by David Ruskey
Environmental Engineer

As Earth Day approaches, we are reminded to conserve resources. This includes utilities such as electricity, water and heating fuels such as natural gas and fuel oil.

Employees throughout Tobyhanna Army Depot have various opportunities to influence energy reduction practices in positive ways based on what they do and where they work.

Common practices everyone can help with are turning off computers, lights and equipment at the end of each day. Keep external doors closed to reduce the fuel used to heat work areas.

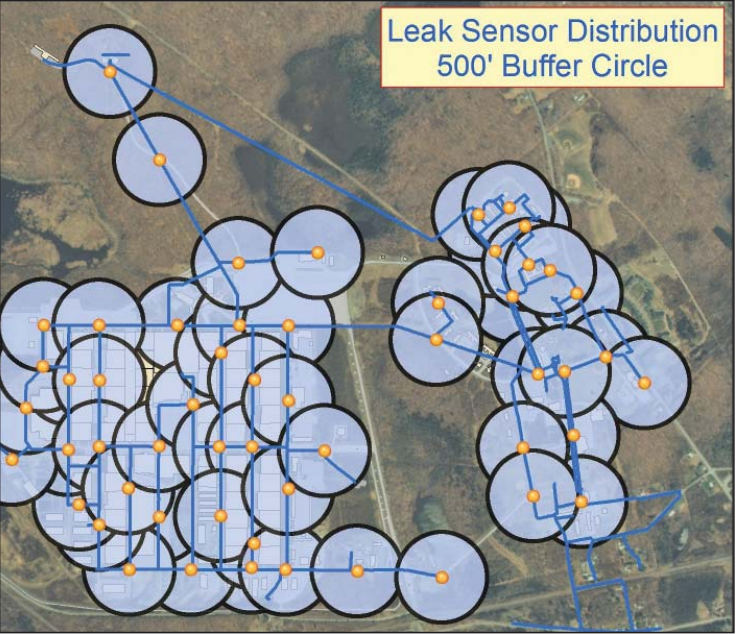
Remember that your daily consumption affects the depot's operating costs and employees can help to reduce these costs by reducing energy and water use whenever possible.

Another way personnel can help is to place work orders for issues such as insulation repair and compressed air leaks as soon as they are discovered. The work order system is located on the Tobyhanna Intranet site under Public Works.

Common deficiencies are often found with compressed air systems. Air leaks around connections and flanges cause the compressors to run longer and harder to make up for lost pressure. Inspect internal line gaskets for wear and avoid over-stressing during line bending. Reinforcing hose connection points will prevent against leak development.

With everyone's help Tobyhanna can reduce energy costs and also work to reduce its environmental footprint.

Compressed air systems, such as the one above, often develop leaks near the point of use. Proper monitoring of connection points and quick placement of work orders are key to conserving electricity used by compressor motors.



Several leak detection sensors located throughout the depot have cut water waste significantly.

These reductions have been achieved by water recycling efforts, water metering to identify high water use areas, and water leak detection using sound sensors and pressure monitoring sensors.

Future efforts include additional water

meter installation, replacing single-pass water-cooled equipment with air cooling systems, incorporating water saving devices in construction projects, rainwater harvesting and a new sewage treatment plant that incorporates water reuse for plant purposes.

Environmental stewardship reliant on commitment, continuous improvement

by Nathan Edwards
Chief, Environmental Management Division

Tobyhanna Army Depot is a national leader in environmental stewardship. Environmental experts here are committed to continuous improvement in pollution prevention, energy efficiency, water conservation, recycling and waste minimalization. Environmental stewardship is an integral part of the mission.

- Tobyhanna was selected as an Army Net Zero water test facility. A Net Zero Water installation seeks to reduce water use by 50 percent over a 13-year period using equipment upgrades, monitoring systems and public education. Through multiple water conservation initiatives, potable water consumption has been reduced by 38 percent since 2007.
- Energy consumption has been reduced by 5 percent for 2012 and is on track to meet the Department of Defense energy goals of a 15 percent reduction by 2015.
- In fiscal year 2011, 60 percent of the total waste generated here was recycled.
- A 64KW solar carport and eight paint booth heat recovery units being installed will reduce annual energy costs by \$750,000.
- Over 107,000 square feet of green roofs reduce the amount of energy required to heat and cool buildings, and help manage stormwater run off.
- The amount of hazardous waste generated was reduced by 20 percent for 2012.
- A mass transit program annually reduces about 318 tons of carbon monoxide and 11,000 tons of total greenhouse gas emissions.
- Tobyhanna was awarded the 2012 Secretary of the Army Award for Environmental Quality.

Taking care of environment carries many benefits

by Marti Verbonitz
Acting Director, Industrial Risk Management

The National Geographic's recent designation of the Pocono Mountains as one of only 11 destination areas in the United States only confirms what Tobyhanna Army Depot employees already know: the Pocono area is a gorgeous place to live or work.

The beauty and abundance of natural resources could be viewed as a challenge to a Warfighter support provider such as Tobyhanna, but depot employees have proven that environmental stewardship is the right thing to do and it is good for our business.

One of the benefits of working in the Pocono Mountains is that employees do not have to be reminded of the environmental obligations to protect the air, water and soil. Employees fish in the numerous lakes and streams throughout the area, breathe the mountain air and hike, ski or hunt on the many trails.

Although the military mission sometimes requires use of regulated materials such as plating solutions, paints and cleaners, employees hold an innate willingness to comply with the environmental requirements because doing so protects the same natural resources used for recreation.

Tobyhanna employees appreciate the abundant natural resources in the area and show that

appreciation by conserving valuable resources and protecting the environment while fulfilling the Warfighter support mission.

Environmental stewardship is good for the financial business of Tobyhanna. Violations of environmental requirements could result in costly fines and penalties against the depot – costs that Tobyhanna must pay from its revenue, which would increase rates. Moreover, environmental stewardship generates revenue and results in cost avoidance: employees benefit from improvements funded by recycling dollars and the business benefits by avoiding payment of landfill fees.

Environmental stewardship is also good for the future of Tobyhanna. Prior Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) rounds evaluated installations on the basis of criteria established to level the playing field.

One of the criteria is environmental impact, which assesses the costs of environmental restoration, waste management and environmental compliance. Tobyhanna's award-winning environmental programs have elevated the depot's rankings and contributed to the depot's success during each prior BRAC round.

Employees should be proud of their efforts to serve our Warfighters while simultaneously conserving natural resources and complying with environmental requirements. This approach personally benefits each employee, the business and the environment.

Region’s best: Depot support center surpasses Army standards

by Justin Eimers
Editorial Assistant

A tenant activity here was recognized for surpassing several Army standards and transforming into a model of excellence.

The depot’s U.S. Army Test, Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment (TMDE) Support Center was recognized by the U.S. Army TMDE Activity (USATA) for having the lowest TMDE delinquency rate in USATA’s northeast region.

The TMDE Support Center (TSC), whose mission is to provide the Army with TMDE calibration and repair support, has achieved a delinquency rate of 0.8 percent, well below the Army goal of two percent or below.

TMDE, such as torque wrenches and power meters, need to be calibrated periodically for accuracy and performance. Calibration cycles vary accordingly for each piece. If a calibration is not done, it is listed as delinquent and affects the overall delinquency rate of the activity.

Tobyhanna’s TMDE Support Center is the largest of the 61 support centers in USATA. The depot has more than 16,000 pieces of TMDE that must be calibrated and made available to customers. USATA performs evaluations of support centers on a yearly basis. The large amount of TMDE creates many challenges in maintaining a low delinquency rate.

“When you look at the size of our activity and the amount of TMDE we process, it becomes even more impressive to see such a low delinquency rate,” said Kenneth Gilman, chief of the depot’s TSC.

Gilman added that improving in other areas has required an all out effort.

“When I was named chief last June, our delinquency rate was over 8 percent, our availability rate was 89 percent and we had a 40-day turnaround time,” said Gilman. In addition to the activity’s low delinquency rate, the support center has reached an availability rate of 98.9 percent and a turnaround time of four days, far exceeding the Army standards of 95 percent and 10 days.

Martin Butrim, precision measurement equipment



Martin Butrim, precision measurement equipment calibrator leader, sets the controls on an HP 8902A measuring receiver. This equipment is used to calibrate several types of microwave test equipment including signal generators and network analyzers. (Photo by Tony Medici)

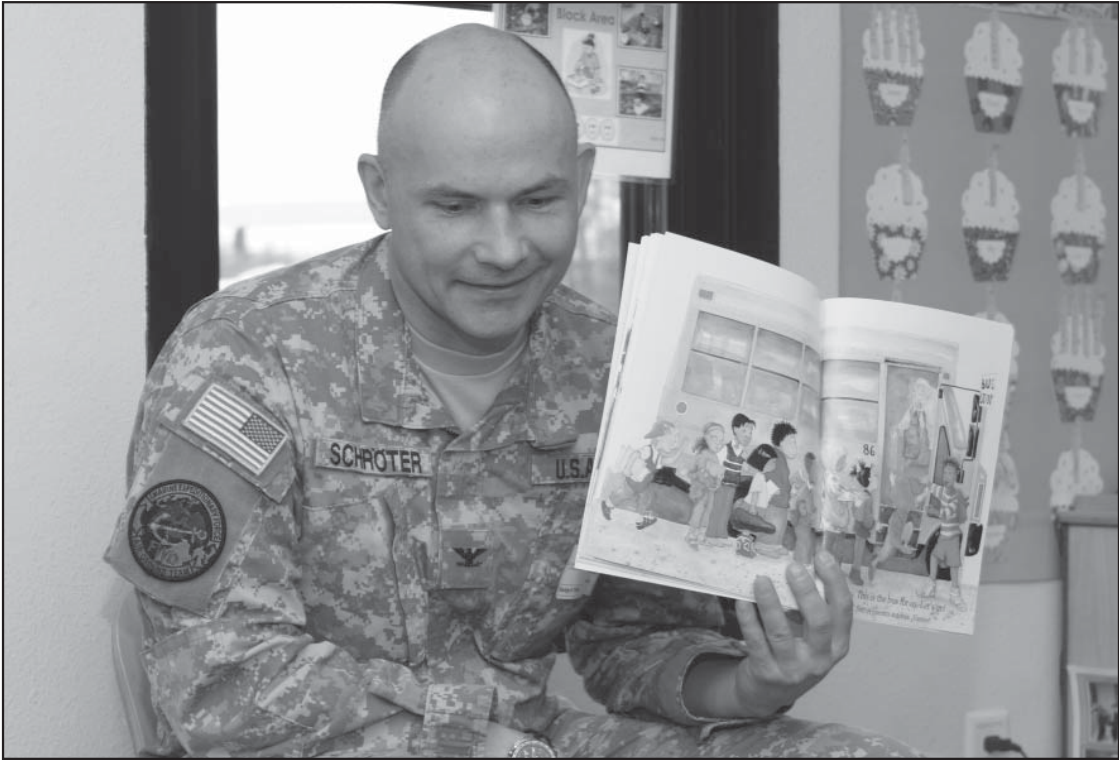
calibrator leader, has worked in USATA for 31 years and said being awarded for excellent performance helps motivate the team.

“You really feel a sense of accomplishment when you’re recognized for hard work and dedication,” he said. “When you look at how motivated and supportive our team is, it’s easy to see how we have been able to exceed Army standards of excellence.”

Gilman credited everyone in the activity for their part in transforming the activity into a model of success.

“This recognition will go a long way for the morale of our organization,” said Gilman. “It’s a testament to how supportive Tobyhanna is, how dedicated our team is and how willing they are to constantly and consistently improve their work.

“Customers will recognize that this support center can meet their needs in a timely manner and to the highest standards of quality. On top of that, other activities within USATA will look at us and use our success as a motivational tool to improve their own rates.”



Once upon a time.....

Col. Gerhard P.R. Schröter, depot commander, reads to children in the preschool and Strong Beginnings classrooms at the Child Development Center (CDC) here on April 10. Schröter read to about 35 children aged 3-5 years old as part of Month of the Military Child, first celebrated in 1986. CDC staff Rebecca Guerrini, Tiffany Hagen, Donna Caponigro and Melissa Derenick assisted with the event. Above, Col. Schröter shows an illustration from “The Bus for Us” by Suzanne Bloom. (Photos by Jennifer Robertson)





Employees, guests attend last chapel service at Tobyhanna
Chaplain (Maj.) Jeffrey Brooks leads a congregation in prayer during the last service at the depot’s chapel. The event was held April 7 and marked the decommissioning of the chapel. Attendees included depot commander Col. Gerhard P.R. Schröter. Brooks retired on April 17. The chapel will be emptied at a later date. A future *Tobyhanna Reporter* will carry an article about the chapel. (Photo by Arnold Mangibin)

New Supervisor

Thomas Modzelewski is chief of the Productivity Improvement and Innovation Directorate’s Quality Management Division.



Modzelewski

As chief, he supervises more than 20 people who manage the International Organization for Standardization and Aerospace Standard Quality Management Systems. Additional duties include conducting root cause analysis and first article testing in the quality lab.

Prior to being named chief, Modzelewski worked as a mechanical engineer. He began his depot career in January 2013.

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Modzelewski is a member of St. Matthew’s Catholic Church in East Stroudsburg. His hobbies include cooking and fishing.



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Ruth Sutton, electronics mechanic, repairs an AN/ASN-163 Miniature Airborne GPS Receiver (MAGR).

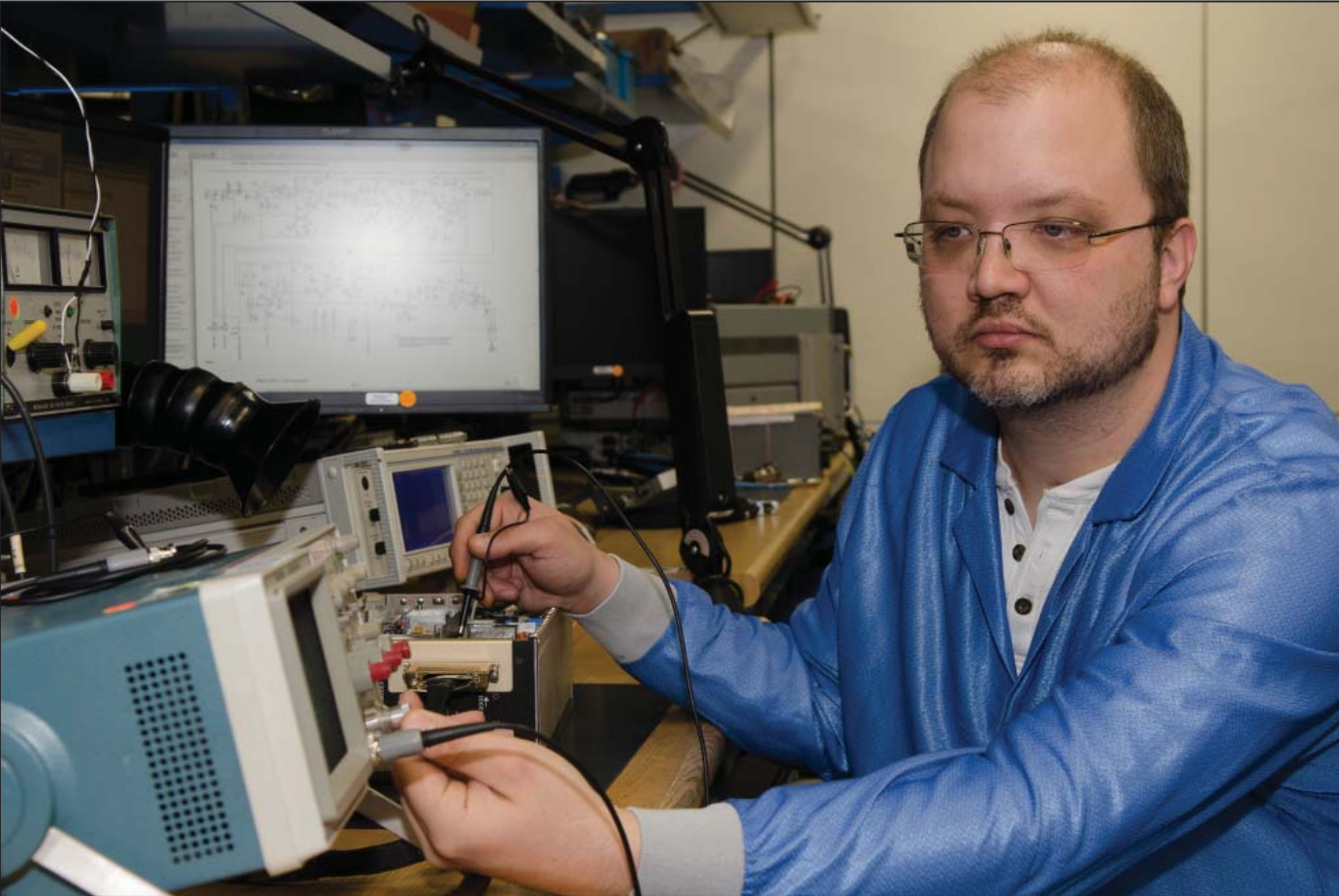
Navigation Systems Branch
C3/Avionics Directorate

The branch's 28 employees complete depot overall of navigation receivers for various rotary and fixed wing platforms. The workload includes the AN/ARN-89 Direction Finder, AN/ARN-147 U.S. Air Force Standard Very High Frequency Omni Range/Instrument Landing System receiver and AN/ASN-128 Doppler/Global Positioning System/Navigation System.



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AROUND THE DEPOT



Electronics Mechanic Jeff Esposito configures an AN/ARN-123 Airborne Radio Navigation Set.



From front, Electronics Worker Jim Dillon, Electronics Mechanic Jonathan Souders and Electronics Worker Rob Malos work on AN/ARN-89 Airborne Radio Beacon Receivers.

Equipment Specs

Branch personnel overhaul 200-300 assets per month. Since moving into the Depot Maintenance of the Future (DMOF) facility in 2009, the branch has completed work for missions ranging from the Defense Advanced GPS Receiver (DAGR) and Joint Precision Airdrop System (JPADS) to Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps Navigations Systems.



Malos tests circuit cards from the AN/ARN-89 Airborne Radio Beacon Receiver.

Photos by Steve Grzedzinski



Navigation Systems Branch technicians overhaul 200-300 assets per month for the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps.